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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 2817**
PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yasuhiro TANAKA	
Serial No.: 09/931,685	Art Unit: 2817
Filed: August 16, 2001	Examiner: S. Jones
Title: CENTER ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR, NONRECIPROCAL CIRCUIT DEVICE AND COMMUNICATION APPARATUS USING THE SAME	

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended to March 2, 2005, by the accompanying Petition for One-Month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page _____ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page _____ of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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